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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In application of: Engel et al.

Serial No.: 10/669,976

Art Unit: 1637

Filed: September 24, 2003

Examiner: S. Mummert

Entitled: ENHANCED COAMPLIFICATION OF
NUCLEIC ACIDS

Attorney Docket No.: QGN-038.1 US

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are: [X] Response to Restriction Requirement; [X] Fee for additional claims (check# 7003) [X] a return receipt postcard, for filing in the above-captioned patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

[] A fee for additional claims is not required.

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF EXCESS CLAIMS	RATE	FEES DUE
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>76</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>18</u>	× \$50	= 900.00
INDEPENDENT	<u>4</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	× \$200	= 0.00
FIRST INTRODUCTION OF MULT. DEPENDENT CLAIM				+\$360	= 0.00
TOTAL FEES DUE					= 900.00

[] Small entity status has previously been established for Applicant(s) in this case.

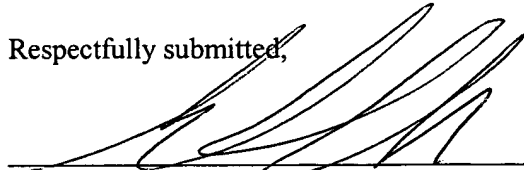
PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FEES

- [X] A check in the amount of \$ 900.00 in payment of the fee for additional claims is transmitted herewith.
(check # 7003)
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0268. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

- [] Extension is requested under 37 CFR 1.136(a), and the following extension fee is applicable for the paper(s) filed herewith: [] \$120.00 for response within first month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1);
[] \$450.00 for response within second month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2);
[] \$1020.00 for response within third month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3);
[] \$1590.00 for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(4);
[] \$2160.00 for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(5).
- [] A check in the amount of [] \$120.00 [] \$450.00 [] \$1020.00 [] \$1590.00 [] \$2160.00 in payment of the extension fee is transmitted herewith.
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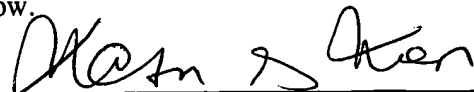
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**AMENDMENT,
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
&
EXPRESS ELECTION AND TRAVERSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.143**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 18, 2006 and setting a one-month statutory period for response, Applicants request entry of the following amendments and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement of restriction for the reasons set forth below.

The deadline for filing a response to the Requirement is Monday, June 19, 2006.

Applicants have amended Claims 17, 20, and 21 as shown below.

Claim amendments begin on page 2.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 8.